

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1492

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer L. Flanagan**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to provide emergency relief for electric customers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth	
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Jennifer Benson	37th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Robert L. Rice, Jr.	2nd Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (7) of section 1F of Chapter 164 of the General Laws appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the fifth and sixth and seventh sentences as so appearing beginning at line 237 and inserting in place thereof the following:

Any person, firm, electric or generation company, supplier, or other corporation doing business in the commonwealth who violates any provisions of said code or of any rule or regulation promulgated by the department pursuant to sections 1A to 1H, inclusive, or any provision of chapter 93A, pursuant to authority established by section 102C, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$500,000 for each violation for each day that the violation persists.

Any person or entity shall have the right to a hearing on the fine assessed; provided however if the department determines that an emergency exists because of a violation or series of violations which has interrupted service, the department may with notice immediately impose daily fines or in an appropriate case order another supplier or entity to provide service or repair facilities and impose further consequential damages.